

Mansion House
Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District of New Jersey

Historic American Buildings Survey
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133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

Mansion House
Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey

Owner: Rocco Petrullo

Date of Erection: 1751

Architect:

Builder: Peter Zabriskie

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Three

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - dressed
sandstone walls nearly
three feet thick, origin-
ally a two story structure
with a gambrel roof, third
story added with brick
front and clapboard ends

Interior walls - panel
and plaster

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

This house was built on the Green in Hackensack in 1751 by Peter Zabriskie for his residence. When the American Army retreated through Hackensack from Fort Lee to Trenton in the fall of 1776, Washington occupied the Peter Zabriskie house for about one

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week. The soldiers camped on the Green. This was the first headquarters of Washington in New Jersey. It was here that Washington planned the strategy of his campaign.

Room 19 on the second floor was occupied by Washington and is marked today by a bronze tablet erected by the Bergen County Historical Society. It is one of the two rooms with Dutch tiles with scenes from the Bible. The first floor parlor and its fireplace has brown tiles and room 19 and its fireplace has blue tiles.

The property was probably sold around the time of Peter Zabriskie's death in 1800. It became a tavern and was known as the Albany Stage Coach.

In 1824 Lafayette paid a visit to Hackensack and occupied the same room that Washington had used.

In the tap room the Weehawk Bank was established in 1825. In this tavern David D. Demarest had his post office in 1834. About 1858 it became known as Washington Mansion House - the name which it still bears. Elections were formerly held in the ballroom. Company C of the National Guard was organized there in 1872 and drilled on the Green.

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Historic House Falls to Progress

HACKENSACK, N. J., Oct. 6.—
(UP)—The historic 199-year-old
Mansion House here in which
George Washington not only slept
but directed the retreat across New
Jersey is being levelled to make
way for a movie theater.

The Mansion House is being
torn down brick by brick and
stone by stone. The Bergen Coun-
ty Historical Society is purchasing
most of the stone, which will be
used in building an addition to
the Steuben house in River Edge,
New Jersey.

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